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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **HAMADA, Akira et al.**

**Group Art Unit: 1745**

**Serial No.: 09/998,912**

**Examiner: J. A. MERCADO**

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**For: GAS DIFFUSION LAYER ARRANGEMENT FOR A FUEL CELL (AS  
AMENDED)**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**  
**- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -**  
**GROUP ART UNIT 1745**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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January 12, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **November 10, 2004**, please amend the above-

identified application as follows:

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